

Attorney Docket No. 7175-74059
Application No. 10/736,418 (Filed December 15, 2003)
Reply to Office Action dated June 18, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 19-29 are pending in the subject application. Claims 19-25 and 27 are amended herein. Claims 1-18 and 30 have been canceled.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 19, 20, 22 and 27-29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 19, 20, 22 and 27 have been so rewritten without narrowing their scope. Claim 21 has been amended to depend from claim 20. Claims 23 and 24 have been amended to depend from claim 22. Claims 28 and 29 depend from claim 27. Thus, claims 19-24 and 27-29 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Claims 17, 21, 23, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,104,103 to Auchinleck ("Auchinleck"). Claim 17 is canceled herein. Claim 21 has been amended to depend from claim 20, which the examiner has indicated to be allowable. Claim 23 has been amended to depend from claim 22, which the examiner has indicated to be allowable. Amended independent claim 25, and dependent claim 26, are not anticipated by Auchinleck because Auchinleck does not disclose or suggest that "the mount includes a block adapted to be coupled to the patient support device, a post coupled to the block for vertical movement and a handle movable relative to the block to lock the post from moving vertically." Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of claims 21, 23, 25 and 26 is therefore respectfully requested.

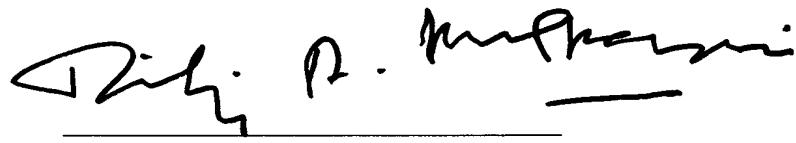
Claims 17, 18, 25 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,143,652 to Meier ("Meier"). Claims 17, 18 and 30 are canceled herein. Amended independent claim 25 is not anticipated by Meier because Meier does not disclose or suggest that "the mount includes a block adapted to be coupled to the patient support device, a post coupled to the block for vertical movement and a handle movable relative to the block to lock the post from moving vertically." Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of claim 25 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Auchinleck. Claim 24 has been amended herein to depend from claim 22, which the examiner has indicated to be allowable. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of claim 24 is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendment and supporting remarks, the subject application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would expedite the allowance of this application, he is requested to contact the undersigned for a prompt resolution of any outstanding issues.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages and other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to file 7175-74059.

Respectfully submitted,
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